

I am writing to share my support for stricter gun laws. I am a mother, wife, business owner, and resident of Wilton, CT. My sons are 7 and 5 years old. I will never forget waiting for the bus to arrive home the day of the Newtown shooting. Some victims of the violence were the same age as my oldest and even part of the same Boyscout Council. It seems that high capacity, rapid-shooting firearms are designed with the explicit purpose of injuring or killing many humans in a short period of time. I do not believe they have any role in a civilian setting. Using these weapons is not a "sport." I don't think they should be sold in ANY setting in the country but especially Connecticut. I also do not think that the magazines or ammunition for these weapons should be sold anywhere but especially not in Connecticut.

The right to bear arms does not mean the government should condone ALL weapons no matter the risk of human casualty. Just as an individual would be banned from building or acquiring materials to build a radioactive bomb or other "weapons of mass destruction," they should not be allowed to use the second amendment as a means to purchase military style killing machines. I am not requesting a ban on all guns or ammunition - just those that are designed for killing many people quickly.

I cannot buy cotton pajamas for my children or donate used toys to most charities because of legal restrictions. It seems we should regulate guns and rifles more strictly than children's pajamas and toy donations.

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